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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT CH
SUBJ: CHOU BUTTONS VS MAO BUTTONS

1. SOME OF PEKING'S CITIZENS HAVE BEGUN TO SPORT QUARTER-SIZED CHOU EN-LAI BUTTONS, FROM A DISTANCE INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THE ONCE-UNBIQUITOUS MAO BUTTONS. THE GOLDEN BUTTONS BEAR THE "OFFICIAL PORTRAIT" LIKENESS OF A YOUNGER CHOU.

2. USLO OFFICER WHO ASKED WHERE ONE COULD PURCHASE THE BUTTONS RECEIVED VAGUE RESPONSE; THE BUTTONS ARE PRESUMABLY BEING DISTRIBUTED WITHIN WORK UNITS. THE INDIVIDUAL ASKED MERELY VOLUNTEERED THAT "MANY PEOPLE ARE NOW WEARING THE BUTTON BECAUSE CHOU EN-LAI WAS THE PEOPLE'S GOOD PREMIER."

3. COMMENT: WEARING A CHOU BUTTON RATHER THAN A MAO BUTTON WOULD SEEM A CONSCIOUS, IF SILENT, POLITICAL STATEMENT -- EXPECIALLY IN THE MIDST OF AN INTENSIVE MEDIA CAMPAIGN TO "HOLD
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HIGH THE BANNER OF MAO TSE-TUNG THOUGHT" SPURRED BY MAO'S "GOOD STUDENT" AND CHOSEN SUCCESSOR HUA KUO-FENG.
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